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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Heinz-Jürgen NIGGL

Serial No. 09/937,771

Group Art Unit: 3637

Confirmation No. 7093

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Examiner: ANDERSON, GERALD A

For: MECHANICAL LINK BETWEEN SIDE WALLS AND REAR WALL OF A SHEET CASING  
(As Amended)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on March 23, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE claims 1 and 4 in accordance with the following:

*Sub C1* 1. (TWICE AMENDED) A mechanical connection comprising:

*B* a sheet metal casing having a base part, a pair of side walls and a rear wall such that when assembled, each side wall adjoins one side of the rear wall, each side wall having a top rear corner in a region displaced from the base part and adjacent to where the side wall joins the rear wall when assembled, the base part, the pair of side walls and the rear wall all being formed from a single sheet-metal part;

a cutout formed in each of the side walls in the region of the top rear corner;

an angled section formed on the rear wall; and

hook-like extensions provided at sides of the angled section, which hook-like extensions snap into the cutouts of the side walls when the rear wall is swung into position.